



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

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September 21, 2025

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 am

..... ✚ **GATHERING** ✚

Voluntaries

Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

David Cherwien

Day by Day

Edwin Childs

Prelude in G

William Henry Harris

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

<We stand.>

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity ✚ one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

<We kneel.>

Merciful and loving God,

We are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.

<We stand.>

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of ✚ Jesus, your sins are forgiven.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Blessing and Honor

ELW Hymn 854

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Assisting minister



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray together. Loving God, **Like Jacob, who dreamed of your promises, you have filled us with dreams, too. Show us your promises in our dreams, and give us the ability to follow our dreams. Amen.**

<We sit.>

READING

Genesis 27:1-4, 15-23, 28:10-17

Pew Bible page 20

Then Rebekah took the best garments of her elder son Esau, which were with her in the house, and put them on her younger son Jacob, and she put the skins of the kids on his hands and on the smooth part of his neck. Then she handed the savory food and the bread that she had prepared to her son Jacob.

So he went in to his father and said, "My father," and he said, "Here I am; who are you, my son?" Jacob said to his father, "I am Esau your firstborn. I have done as you told me; now sit up and eat of my game, so that you may bless me." But Isaac said to his son, "How is it that you have found it so quickly, my son?" He answered, "Because the Lord your God granted me success." Then Isaac said to Jacob, "Come near, that I may feel you, my son, to know whether you are really my son Esau or not." So Jacob went up to his father Isaac, who felt him and said, "The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau." He did not recognize him because his hands were hairy like his brother Esau's hands, so he blessed him.

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a stairway set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring, and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go and will bring you back to this land, for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place – and I did not know it!" And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

<At the conclusion of the reading>

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

LIL' LUTHERAN TALK

<We stand.>

GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

John 1:50-51

Pew Bible page 863

Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

<At the conclusion of the reading>

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

<We sit.>

SERMON

Rev. Matthew Titus

<We stand.>

HYMN OF THE DAY

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

ELW Hymn 800

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

<We kneel.>

*Each prayer petition will end with "God of grace," and the response is "receive our prayer."
At the conclusion of the prayers, we respond with ... in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life. "Amen."*

<We stand.>

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also, with you.**

You are invited to share the peace, however you and those around you are comfortable.

<We sit.>

..... ✙ MEAL ✙

RECEPTION OF THE OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

Children of the Heavenly Father

Michael D. Costello

Flute: Dr. Kevin Dove

<We stand.>

OFFERTORY HYMN

Create in Me



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray...

Lord of the harvest...

...through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise ... *here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding ...* we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray ...

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE MEAL

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

<We sit.>

COMMUNION

Participation in Holy Communion is open to all the baptized. We come in faith, trusting Christ is truly present in the bread and wine – given for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen us for proclaiming God's love in the world.

You are invited to come forward to receive the bread and wine. You may dip the bread into the chalice. If you are unable to come forward, communion will be brought to you. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

<We stand.>

THE TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

O God...

...we ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

..... ✚ **SENDING** ✚

SUNG BLESSING

In the name of the Father.

In the name of the Father.

In the name of the Son.

In the name of the Son.

In the name of the Spirit.

In the name of the Spirit.

The Three-in-One.

The Three-in-One.

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May God's face shine upon you.

May God's face shine upon you.

May God's blessings be with you.

May God's blessings be with you.

And give you peace.

And give you peace.

SENDING HYMN

Lead On, O King Eternal!

ELW Hymn 805

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Lead On, O King Eternal!

Carolyn Hamlin

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God and in honor of our daughter Kathyne Wiseman's birthday by David and Vickie Wiseman.

..... ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth – SC Faith will meet today at 5pm in the FLC.

Christians of the Holy Land - Sep. 28 we will be hearing about the Christians of the Holy Land, after the service handmade olive wood religious articles from Bethlehem will be on display and available for purchase. These carvings include olivewood Nativity sets, crosses, Christmas ornaments, candle holders, angels and many other religious crafts that could make nice wedding, baptism, confirmation, Easter and Christmas gifts. The carvings are handmade by Christian families from Bethlehem who rely on it for their daily bread.

Children’s and Junior Choir - invite your child to grow in music, faith, and friendship! Our Children’s and Junior Choirs are a wonderful way for our youngest members to connect with God and with each other. In a supportive and fun environment, your child will develop their musical abilities and learn to praise God through song. Come share God’s gift of music with us. Please use the QR code to sign up.



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
21 Sunday School - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am Nominating Comm Mtg - 11:30am SC Faith @ Redeemer - 5-6:30pm	22 Prayer & Care Card Class - 9:30am	23 Prayer Shawl Ministry - 10am Library Reserved	24 Handbell Choir Rehearsal - 6pm Senior Choir Rehearsal - 7pm	25	26	27	28 Sunday School - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am Confirmation Class - 4pm Youth Group - 5:15pm FLC Reserved

Worship Leadership – This Sunday

Worship Asst: Kevin Boozer

Acolyte: Adam Boozer

Crucifer: Miriam Titus

Comm Prep: Polly Davis & Susan Hayes

Altar Flowers: Vickie Wiseman

Ushers: Tommy Fellers, Joey Nicosia,

Aubrey Cisko, Dennis Caughman

Sunday, September 28th

Worship Asst: Robbie Kopp

Acolyte: Zarek Reid

Crucifer: Dennis Caughman

Comm Prep: Erin Titus

Altar Flowers: available

Ushers: Tommy Fellers, Joey Nicosia,

Aubrey Cisko, Dennis Caughman

Numbers for September 14, 2025:

Attendance:

Sunday School: 20

In-Person: 61

Online: 120

Total: 181

Offering:

Gen Operating Account: \$4,827.80

Major Maintenance: \$630.00

The Rev. Matthew Titus, Pastor

Dr. Huger Caughman, Jr., Organist · Nicholas Todd Shumate, Choir Director

Aubrey Cisko, Youth Director

A/V Team: Annette Belcher, Wayden Dean, Nikki Chapman, and Matt Bowers

Haley McBride-Stuhr, Office Assistant & Bookkeeper

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